

Yellow Hand Is Better Than Old Roamer

So Says Jack Goldsborough When Son of Rosendale Wins Yorktown Handicap at Empire City—Record Crowd Hears Taps Sounded on Sport.

By HENRY V. KING.

"Roamer" was a great horse, a mighty horse, but it wasn't as good as this fellow," said Jack Goldsborough, the veteran horseman, who trained both horses. "This fellow can do anything Roamer ever did, and he is more consistent."

And almost all racegoers agreed with him after the Yorktown Handicap at the Empire City track yesterday afternoon. Yellow Hand won it in amazing fashion.

The stake was at one mile and a quarter and he carried 132 pounds, gave big bumps of weight to all of his opponents and galloped all the way to win easily in 2:05 3-5. At Belmont Park or Saratoga this time would be only mediocre, but over the slow Yorktown course horsemen proclaimed it wonderful.

At no stage of the contest was the result in doubt. While following an exceptionally fast pace set by the Xalapa Farm's Bon Homme, he ran with his mouth wide open, fighting his hardest to go faster. And when Charley Miller gave him his head while rounding the bend he sprang to the front and the race was over. Bon Homme finished second and Harry F. Sinclair's Thunderclap was third.

The Yorktown was the final stake of the year in the metropolitan district and it brought out one of the largest crowds that ever visited the little Westchester track. The weather was ideal. It was more like spring than late autumn and lovers of the thoroughbred flocked there from all parts of the State and New Jersey. The grandstand was packed and the lawns crowded to capacity. And in the clubhouse the gathering resembled an assemblage at a spring meeting at Belmont Park. The restaurant upstairs was filled with luncheon parties and hundreds of fashionably gowned women occupied seats on the lawn.

The fact that it was the last day of the season brought out a majority of the crowd, but there were thousands there especially to see Yellow Hand run.

Yellow Hand a Favorite.
This four-year-old son of Rosendale and Yellow Sea, which C. A. Stoneham bred from R. T. Wilson last fall and turned over to Jack Goldsborough to train, has been most consistent handicap horse in the country and because of his speed and lungs and heart he has earned more than once and on that occasion he was nearly knocked down. He has won ten stakes and more than \$44,000 for his new owner. Last season he won eleven for Mr. Wilson.

Among those at the course to see him run was Mr. Wilson. He loves Yellow Hand and Dry Moon, the three-year-old he sold to Mr. Stoneham, and any time either of them is scheduled to start he is at the course. He is not puffed up because he sold the horse. He says he is glad he is in good hands and that he runs such great races. And his actions before, during and after a contest in which either starts proves what he says is true. He is one of the most enthusiastic admirers of both horses. He visits them in the paddock, "trots" for them during the race and is one of the first to seek the owner and congratulate him and his trainer after a victory.

Yellow Hand's opponents in the Yorktown weren't truly great horses, but they were above the ordinary, and all of them were known for speed and stamina. But the son of Rosendale had so many admirers that he was made an odds on favorite and was heavily backed at 2 to 1. Bon Homme, the three-year-old son of Sweep, had a few admirers, but most

of them pinned their faith and wagers on him to finish second. For some unknown reason Thunderclap was entirely neglected, and all sorts of reports drifted from the paddock about his poor condition. Edwina was considered poor, and only a few casual visitors wagered on her.

Bon Homme Sets Fast Pace.

When it came to racing Bon Homme went to the front as soon as the barrier went up, just as was expected. This Sweep colt is as fast as any man's horse and stepped down the stretch and around the first turn at a terrific pace three lengths ahead of the remainder of the field, which was little breathing spell. Bon Homme stepped the first quarter in 0:23 3-5, but as fast as he was going Yellow Hand could have been in front if Miller had allowed him to do his best.

Down the backstretch to the half mile pole Bon Homme sped in 48 seconds and still he was three lengths in front, with Thunderclap second, Yellow Hand third and Edwina fourth. Just before the rear, at the six furlong mark, with Bon Homme in command, the official watch said 1:12 3-5. Soon after this the other contestants and finished four lengths ahead of Thunderclap.

Thunderclap's race was so much below his best form that the crowd gasped and murmured that he was not on his feet. When he staggered across the finish line.

Bon Homme showed that he is as fast and as sturdy as almost any three-year-old in training.

Officers Ride Poorly.

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Major Stevenson rode best, while all the other officers were in the midst of mistakes. When Long Trail was the unanimous opinion among horsemen that he wasn't the best horse in the country.

Major Parker, the old and crippled son of Dick Welles and Lady Infatigable, won the Old Hickory purse from half the field. He took back a trifling and gave his mount a little breathing spell. When the homestretch was reached he went to work on his mount and, catching Jack Scott riding, came on and won handsily by a length.

R. T. Wilson's silks flashed here in front in the opening event when Tanquerine won by a head. Glenbells was second and Nightboat third. The Boy beat a big field of sprinters in the second race, and Adventure led Farwell purse, the final event of the year.

NEW YORK HERALD RACING CHART

EMPIRE CITY, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Weather clear; track fast.

1097 FIRST RACE—About six furlongs. Time, 0:23 3-5, 0:49 2-5, 1:11 2-5. Purse \$1,000. Value to winner, \$700, \$200, \$100. For two-year-olds. Selling. At post 1 minute. Off at 3:30. Start good. Won driving. Place same. Winner, ch. f., by Glanville—Orange Lady, Trainer, T. J. Healey. Index. Horse. Wt. PP. 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